

Tomorrow and Saturday Are Dollar Bargain Days in Torrance!

Girl Marksmen Organize in L. A.



These sharpshooters are members of the cavalry unit of the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps of America in Los Angeles. They devote Sunday mornings to drill and target practice.

Water Dept. Buying \$10,000 Defense Bonds

"Now that the Federal government needs aid, I recommend that the city council go on record by resolution authorizing the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 to purchase ten \$1,000 series G Defense Bonds," Superintendent William H. Stanger proposed in a letter to the council read Tuesday night.

"This transaction will not only help the government but will pay interest to the Water department as well," Stanger's letter continued. "I know that the people of this district will be glad to know that they are helping defeat the mad men of this world."

Stanger recalled "During the years 1934 and 1935 when the city council was endeavoring to sell bonds to complete the Water District's system, the Federal government came to our aid with a \$125,000 loan and an outright grant of 45 per cent. Today we have one of the best little water systems in California."

And so, one good turn deserving another, the city council unanimously adopted Stanger's recommendation without comment. The water department head is now negotiating the purchase of the \$10,000 in Defense Bonds.

Electric Lock Halts Police Station Visitors

With the installation of a new electric lock on the door leading to the squad room and fitting of all windows with blackout boards, the police station this week followed in the steps of local industries by banning visitors.

Heretofore, the door to the squad room "behind the desk" was open to all comers and the one upholstered chair attracted considerable patronage. Now no one except those on legitimate business can "crash the gate" because the electric lock bars entry except when the officer on duty releases it from inside. The release button must also be pushed to allow those inside to leave.

VISIT FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Blanchard were Sunday visitors at the D. T. Smith home in Palms.

Merchants Ready With Pre-War Bargains for Dollar Days Here

In keeping with the tempo of the times, Torrance merchants this weekend are staging their annual DOLLAR BARGAIN DAYS event—and it's an all-out effort in value-giving sponsored by the Torrance Retail Merchants Association.

Even a hasty glance at the items in the various advertisements printed in this issue will convince the most prudent shopper that this is a bargain festival that should not be overlooked.

In the face of merchandise shortages, rising prices and other stringencies caused by the war, local store owners have

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Serial Numbers Drawn for Third Draft Registrants

Alphabetical lists, giving serial numbers of all men who signed up during the third registration period, have been furnished The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News by Selective Service Board No. 280. These lists will be available for public inspection tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 1336 El Prado, Torrance, and 24792 Narbonne ave., Lomita.

"Life begins at 40"—and so did the third Selective Service registration in Torrance. All of the holders of the first 10 serial numbers drawn Monday were in that "beginning age" bracket. Little Jimmie Watson, three-year-old son of Mrs. Doris Watson, assistant clerk of Board No. 280, drew into a large cardboard container to extract the first registration cards on which the T (for third registration Feb. 14, 15, 16) were placed by members of the board.

The first 10 are:

- T-1—Charles E. Ventwood, 42, 1306 1/2 Amapola ave., Torrance, who registered in San Bernardino.
- T-2—Francis Dean McCuningham, 42, 16408 Dalton ave., Gardena.
- T-3—Emmett Lorain Boyd, 41, 1837 Lomita Blvd., Lomita.
- T-4—Donald Agulla Boone, 41, Finetree lane, Rolling Hills.
- T-5—Alexander Roderick McDonald, 41, 1639 Cabrillo ave., Torrance.
- T-6—Arthur Hayes, 44, 16108 Brighton ave., Gardena.
- T-7—Rhodes Tucker Graham, 42, 2702 West 156th st., Gardena.
- T-8—Glenn Ernest Crist, 42, 16128 Orchard ave., Gardena.
- T-9—Vincent Richard Gorman, 44, 2061 235th st., Torrance.
- T-10—Paul Henry Brackman, 45, 1855 256th st., Lomita.

A total of 2,081 serial numbers were attached to the registration cards by the time the local drawing was complete. Johnnie Gally, 21, P. O. Box 228, Welteria, has the final serial number. The national draft lottery will be held in Washington, D. C., March 17, when the "order numbers" will be drawn. After these are announced, the local board will begin sending out questionnaires.

Supervisor for Palos Verdes Farms Named

Benjamin P. Weston, owner of the Weston ranch on Highway 101 near Lomita, has been named field supervisor for the office of county agricultural co-ordinator to help keep Palos Verdes farm lands under production. The land, with crops already under cultivation, was vacated recently by Japanese farmers who moved out following a series of F. B. I. raids. The field service will be carried on in 15 districts with Harold E. Pearson as principal assistant under W. S. Rosencrans, county co-ordinator. Prospective American tenants of the abandoned truck farms are being interviewed daily.

Pearson said Japanese farmers who have not already moved out are co-operating by watering crops and caring for growing vegetables until other tenants are placed on the land. Leases of all Japanese farmers were terminated by voluntary action of the three principal land owners in the area. These are the Palos Verdes Corporation, the Rolling Hills Company and the Sepulveda Land Company of San Pedro.

IN SAN FERNANDO
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beecher were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Owen in San Fernando.

PASADENA GUESTS
Recent guests of Dr. K. F. Sliemann at her home, 1343 El Prado, were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frank of South Pasadena.

Council Seeks Free Defense Phone Service

Because the city council believes the telephones installed at the Torrance Civilian Defense Control center and a service requested for the first aid station in Hollywood Riviera are used very little, Mayor Tom McGuire and City Engineer Glenn Jain were instructed Tuesday night to attempt to secure free service or reduced charges.

Their mission will probably be fruitless because Police Chief John Stroh, Civilian Defense director, reported that the telephone company is installing three miles of line to connect the General Petroleum air whistle with the other air raid signals at a service fee of only \$150. Other plants linked with the whistle signal system are Columbia Steel, National Supply and Ideco with the Pacific Electric shop and Rubcraft still to be added.

The new aluminum plant at 190th street, between Western and Normandie aves., is to be equipped with a powerful siren which will carry the air raid warnings over a wide area, Stroh said.

No Free Garden Water
Other civic matters aired at the Tuesday night council session were: Receipt of a check for \$4,100.73 as a franchise payment from the Southern California Gas Co. and a letter of appreciation from Palos Verdes city officials for the repair and center-lining of the Hawthorne ave. extension into their municipality.

A conference of councilmen, city attorney, water superintendent and Attorney Don Findley and North Torrance residents interested in the water service being obtained from the city's operation of the well and pump formerly owned by the defunct Crava-Walick Co. is to be held regarding collections and other matters pertaining to the service.

A request for installation of a four-inch water meter to serve the 25-acre "Victory garden" to be maintained by local W. P. A. labor near the Columbia Steel plant was held up for further consideration after William H. Stanger, water superintendent, declared his department could not give water free for that project. "The charge will be 20 cents per 1,000 cubic feet—the same as it was when the W. P. A. operated a similar garden here several years ago," Stanger pointed out.

Oil Sump Cleanup
When he repeated his request to be allowed to employ a junior clerk at a salary of \$100 per month for three months to assist in his office, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett received the council's approval over Councilman George V. Powell's negative veto. Bartlett pointed out that his budget is "3865 to the good" so far this year and the employment of the clerk will not mean any additional expense to the city.

The council adopted the "Firemen's Manual," issued by the (Continued on Page 5-A)

Hog Ranch, Pinball Skeletons Rattle Out of City Closet

Two political skeletons rattled out of the municipal closet Tuesday night at city council meeting, the first one sending Mayor Tom McGuire scurrying through a copy of the municipal zoning ordinance and the second being received with frigid silence. The Welteria Civic Organization released one of the political skeletons while Judge John Shidler introduced the other.

Chamber Group to Meet Monday for Procedure

The Committee of 15 charged with reorganizing the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday night, March 16, at 8 o'clock at the former Chamber headquarters to formulate procedure for the proposed new Chamber. Carleton Bell is chairman of this group and Mrs. Lillian Barrington is secretary. After the procedure is established the complete proposed reorganization plan will be presented to the membership for approval. The public is invited to attend the Monday night session.

Bids on Cabrillo Strip Cleanup Asked by City

Property owners on Cabrillo ave.: Don't start any plans for a "victory celebration" yet, but the city council Tuesday night instructed the city engineer to advertise for bids for the removal of the P. E. tracks and wiring on the right-of-way. Engineer Jain reported that all differences with the Pacific Electric and others interested in equipment along the center-strip which the city purchased in June 1941 have been settled and specifications have been drafted for the removal job. Bids on this work are to be opened at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of April 7.

After the last sign of P. E. occupancy of the right-of-way is gone, then the city can proceed with the improvement of Cabrillo to make it an 80-foot thoroughfare. Plans for this improvement as drafted by Engineer Jain propose "channeling" the street with a series of "islands" designed to direct the flow of traffic. However, when he revealed his preliminary sketches Nov. 3, 1941, before interested property owners, they objected to any impediments to make Cabrillo an 80-foot wide artery, paved curb to curb. The dozen or so property owners present at that time were unanimous in rejecting sketches that showed any division of the street. Since then the project has not been re-introduced.

Mrs. O'Toole and Son Jimmie Hurt In Milk Truck Crash

Mrs. J. J. O'Toole and son, Jimmie, of 1225 Madrid ave. are making a good recovery from injuries suffered early last Saturday morning when their milk truck collided with a telephone pole at Anaheim Blvd. and Laagon ave. in Wilmington. Mrs. O'Toole suffered severe cuts about the face and head which necessitated some 27 stitches to close while Jimmie escaped with a badly bruised nose. Mother and son, who were delivering their milk route at the time of the crash, were taken to a Wilmington emergency hospital in a police ambulance. She is said to be unable to tell how the collision occurred. No other car was involved, according to police.

DINE IN CHINATOWN

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ashley were hosts at a dinner party Saturday night in Chinatown. Those present were their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Otto B. Lawrence of Bakersfield and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder.

His Number is T-1



CHARLES B. BOND saw service in World War I

If Charles Brentwood Bond of 1306 1/2 Amapola ave. is needed by Uncle Sam he won't be an inexperienced hand. Bond, whose registration card for Selective Service was the first one drawn Monday, is an ex-Navy man who served on a U. S. destroyer overseas in World War I. He enlisted in 1917 and was honorably discharged in 1919 as a first-class gunner's mate.

He is a shipyard worker and has been a resident and property owner in Torrance since 1922. He is a member of the Torrance American Legion Post.

A native of Aspen, Colorado, he came to California 20 years ago and married. His wife was a nurse at the Columbia Steel plant for 11 years. They have no children.

Quake Repairs Continue Here

Building permits for two major and three minor earthquake (Nov. 14) repair jobs were issued from the city engineer's office this week. Sylvia Fink has started reconstruction of the store and Reed apartment building at the corner of El Prado and Sartori ave. at a cost of \$20,000 and the First National Bank is starting repairs of damage to its building at 1329 Sartori ave. at a cost of \$7,000.

Other quake-repair jobs were: Harvel Guttenfelder, reconstruction of store building at 1618 Cravens ave. for \$550, thus ending months of dispute with the city council and engineer over this repair project; George Beidler, repairs to stores and apartment building at 1400 Cravens ave., \$3,600, and Van Terrioff, repairs to chimney at 1427 Post ave., \$50.

Building permits were issued to C. H. Brawley for a four-room frame house and single garage at 24249 Neece ave., \$2,300; Mrs. Letha Sells, termite repairs at 1411 Amapola ave., \$275, and Cecil W. Smith, re-roof garage building at 2172 Torrance Blvd., \$82.

Hitchcock, Cucci File for Election; Nominations Close Saturday Noon

James E. Hitchcock, veteran member of the Torrance city council, this week gave his consent to run as a candidate to succeed himself. His nomination petition, which was filed this week, was the only new entrant to officially enter the municipal election race. Hitchcock has been a member of the council for the past 10 years.

However, The Herald was informed by Nick H. Cucci of 1634 Cedar ave. that he intended to file his petition today or tomorrow. He will be a candidate for councilman. Cucci has been employed in the rolling mill of the Columbia Steel Company plant here for the past nine years.

While a number of other well-known citizens are reported to be considering entering the councilmanic race, no definite commitments have as yet been

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made. Final day for filing petitions for the April 14 election is 12 noon Saturday, March 14, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett warns, being in mind the controversy which followed the recent "bad" filing of petitions and resulted in court action.

Other candidates for the council, who filed prior to this week, are Kenneth H. Kall for re-election, and Frank Schmidt. The city treasurer contest will be between Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, incumbent, Mrs. Margaret Fordice and Mrs. Cecilia Young, all but Mrs. Leech having filed petitions. So far, no one has failed to run against City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, although it is reported that James L. Loughridge of Welteria will enter the race against the veteran city clerk who has held the office for the past 20 years. Loughridge is a member of the local Selective Service board.